

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method of making graphics for heat sealing application to fabrics and hard surfaces comprising:

flooding the release surface of a release sheet with a heat transfer ink in a liquid stage to form a plurality of patches on the release sheet;

applying a thermoplastic adhesive to the release sheet while the exposed surface of the ink is still in the liquid stage applying thereto a thermoplastic adhesive;

causing the ink with the adhesive thereon to assume a solid stage; and

~~thereafter kiss-cutting through the adhesive and ink to said release surface of the release sheet to form the graphic wherein the release sheet may be peeled away after the ink assumes the solid stage.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the ink is a screenprinting ink.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the ink is applied as discrete congruent patches.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the flooding of the release surface by ink is by screenprinting the ink thereon.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the ink is comprises a water or solvent based heat transferrable plastisol.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of kiss cutting is by comprises laser cutting with a laser, wherein the power supplied to the cutter is sufficient the laser being supplied with sufficient power to singe the ink along the a cut line only adjacent the adhesive to render the line readily visible for weeding.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the release sheet is made of comprises paper with a release coating on one surface thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the release sheet is comprises paper with a release coating on one side thereof.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the kiss-cutting is performed by laser cutting with the power to the laser adjusted to singe the cut.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the kiss-cutting is performed successively on the plurality of patches on each release sheet.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the flooding of the release sheet with ink is by screenprinting successive areas of the sheet to provide discrete patches of ink.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the flooding of the release sheet with ink is by simultaneously screenprinting ~~all of the discrete ink~~ the plurality of patches on the release sheet.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~The A~~ method of making a readily weedable heat applied graphic comprising:

providing a release sheet coated on one surface with an ink layer; and
kiss-cutting through the ink layer to the coated surface of the release sheet with a laser cutter; and

adjusting the power to singe the cut edges of the ink whereby they are readily visible for weeding.

14. (Withdrawn) The method of making perfectly aligned and pre-spaced heat transfer indicia on release sheets for application to fabrics or hard surfaces comprising:

flooding the release surface of a release sheet with a plurality of discrete congruent patches of heat transfer ink in the liquid stage, such patches being so arranged on the sheet and separated from each other that the sheet may be subsequently cut apart into congruent sub-sheets with the patches congruently arranged thereon;

while in the liquid stage applying to the exposed surface of the ink a thermoplastic adhesive;

solidifying the ink;

kiss-cutting through the ink to the release sheet in each patch to provide indicia arranged in the patches;

cutting through the release sheet to provide a plurality of congruent sub-sheets having heat transfer indicia thereon; and

weeding unwanted material from each patch.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the step of cutting through the release sheet is so arranged with respect to the patches that the distances between the margins of the sub-sheets and the patches is equal.

16. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 8 wherein the indicia kiss-cut in each patch comprises a plurality of letters and/or numbers spaced in predetermined relation to each other.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of decorating fabrics or hard surfaces with a plurality of indicia accurately spaced apart and accurately positioned thereon comprising:

screenprinting the release surface of a paper release sheet with a plurality of discrete congruent patches of heat transfer ink, the patches being so arranged on the sheet and separated from each other that the sheet may be subsequently cut apart into congruent sub-sheets with the patches congruently arranged thereon;

while in the liquid stage applying to the exposed surfaces of the ink patches a thermoplastic adhesive;

solidifying the ink;

kiss-cutting with a laser through the ink to the release sheet in each patch to provide identical indicia congruently arranged in the patches;

cutting through the release sheet to provide a plurality of congruent sub-sheets having heat transfer indicia thereon;

weeding unwanted ink from each of the sub-sheets; and

positioning each sub-sheet on the fabric or hard surface with the adhesive there against and heat sealing the indicia thereto.

18. (Withdrawn) Graphics for heat seal application to fabrics or hard surfaces comprising:

a paper release sheet having a release coating on one surface thereof;

an ink layer on the release coated side of the release sheet spaced uniformly from the marginal edges of the sheet;

a heat responsive adhesive coating on the exposed surface of the ink layer for adhering the layer to a fabric or hard surface; and

indicia kiss-cut in the adhesive and ink layer down to the release coating with the cut outlined by a singeing of the exposed surface of the ink layer.

19. (Withdrawn) The graphics of claim 18 wherein the ink layer comprises a plurality of identical discrete ink patches on the release sheet uniformly spaced from the marginal edges of the release sheet and the indicia is uniformly positioned on the patches in determined spaced relation from the edges of the patches.